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SUBJECT: VISIT OF USS YARNELL

FOLLOWING IS EMBARGOED UNTIL 0700 GMT SEPTEMBER 9: THE
USS HARRY E. YARNELL, A GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER BELONGING
TO THE US NAVY'S SIXTH FLEET, ARRIVED THIS MORNING IN CON-
STANTA HARBOR FOR A FOUR-DAY COURTESY VISIT. ROMANIAN AUTHO-
RITIES AND AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES RICHARD VIETS WERE ON
HAND TO WELCOME THE YARNELL AND ITS CREW OF OVER 400 INTO
PORT AT 0900, LOCAL TIME. SHORTLY AFTER DOCKING, REAR
ADMIRAL EUGENE CARROLL, REPRESENTING THE SIXTH FLEET,
AND CAPTAIN RICHARD AVRIT, COMMANDER OF THE YARNELL,
EMBARKED ON A SERIES OF COURTESY CALLS ON ROMANIAN CIVILIAN
AND MILITARY OFFICIALS, AND, LATER IN THE DAY, PLACED A
WREATH AT CONSTANTA'S VICTORY MONUMENT. MEANWHILE CREW-
MEMBERS TOURED TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN THE CONSTANTA AREA.
THE YARNELL IS THE SECOND US NAVY VESSEL TO VISIT
ROMANIA IN THE PAST 15 MONTHS. IN JUNE OF 1975, THE US
WAINWRIGHT, ALSO A GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER, BECAME THE
FIRST AMERICAN MILITARY SHIP TO PAY A PORT CALL IN ROMANIA
SINCE BEFORE WORLD WAR II. IN ANOTHER NAVY EXCHANGE BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE ROMANIAN TRAINING SHIP "MIRCEA"
PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL NAVAL REVIEW IN NEW YORK
THIS JULY ORGANIZED ON THE OCCASION OF THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL.
LATER IN THE YARNELL'S VISIT, ITS OFFICERS AND CREW WILL
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PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF SOCIAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WITH

ROMANIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL. THE YARNELL ITSELF WILL BE OPEN
TO THE ROMANIAN PUBLIC FOR TOURS FROM 16:30 TO 18:30
SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11, AND FROM 15:00 TO 17:00 SEPTEMBER 12.
THE SHIP DEPARTS CONSTANTA SEPTEMBER 13.
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